

Remarks/Arguments

This paper is submitted responsive to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2006. In that Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 6 and 7 contained allowable subject matter, and allowed claims 3 and 4.

By the present paper, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 6 and is submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Method claim 8 has also been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 6 and is submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 6 itself has been cancelled without prejudice, and claim 7 has been amended to depend from claim 1.

Thus, each of claims 1, 3-5 and 7-8 has either been allowed or contains subject matter indicated to be allowable.

An earnest and thorough effort has been made to resolve all issues from the aforesaid Office Action and place the application in condition for allowance.

If upon consideration of this paper the Examiner believes that issues remain which could be addressed by telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss same./


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It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this paper. If any such fee or fee deficiency is due, please charge same to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

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